

April 16, 2020

MEMORANDUM

TO: 4-H Agents, Program Assistants, County Extension Directors, District Extension Directors

CC: Dr. Rich Bonanno, Director of Extension

FROM: Dave Herpy, NC 4-H Camping Specialist; Dr. Mike Yoder, State 4-H Program Leader

SUBJECT: 2020 Summer 4-H Camp Season Suspended due to COVID-19

NC State University suspended on campus academic and study abroad programs for the summer 2020 and made the decision to suspend all face-2-face, non-academic summer programs, as well. This includes our 2020 summer 4-H residential camps at our three 4-H Centers: Betsy-Jeff Penn, Eastern 4-H Center, and Millstone 4-H Camp.

We realize this leaves a hole during the summer months for the 4-H'ers and youth we serve during our summer camp season. Therefore, it is our goal and intention to develop, implement, and offer some virtual summer camp opportunities for youth this summer, to still be able to connect youth with camp and the outdoors through the use of technology. We will communicate those plans and opportunities over the coming weeks.

Given the unprecedented circumstances, we have made the decision to waive our non-refundable deposit policy. This means that any deposits and payments toward a summer camp session in 2020 will be fully refunded. If parents or caregivers prefer, they may apply the deposit to a 2021 4-H camping experience or donate the funds to our camps.

In closing, we ask for your patience and understanding as we navigate unprecedented times that are changing by the hour and we appreciate your continued support. While we are disappointed that we are unable to provide camp physically this summer, the health and safety of our youth is our top priority. For any questions or concerns regarding these decisions, you may contact NC 4-H Camping Specialist, Dave Herpy, at (440) 537-3658 or via email djherpy@ncsu.edu or Dr. Mike Yoder, State 4-H Program Leader at (919) 513-3509 or via email mjyoder@ncsu.edu. Thank you for your support and understanding!